

THE SHAMROCK DAY.

BALL AND BANQUET AT THE GLADSTONE HOTEL AT NORFOLK.

St. Patrick's Day in Portsmouth--A Dampening Freeze Which Makes the Trucks Look Blue, &c.

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)

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awakened last Friday by our block from the telephone, and in the morning recalling their dogs. We saw the dogs, heard the man, but saw nothing of the fox. We could not learn whether he had been bagged or sniped. The party on board had been from the dogs.

Mr. T. B. H. Stratton, our most successful town-man, has just returned from a seven days' visit to New York, Boston, and Philadelphia.

Mr. J. R. Gentry has resigned as mayor of Gordonsville, and will be retained in that capacity until another is appointed to take his place. His son, Mr. James Gentry, who has formerly been located in Richmond, has gone to Birmingham, Ala., to live.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN JAMES CITY.

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